

In claim 5, please delete the words "any of the preceding claims" and replace therewith -- claim 1 --.

In claim 8, line 1, please delete the words "the preceding." Also in line 1, please insert the word -- one -- immediately after "of." Please insert --- 1-7 -- immediately after the word "claims."

Please rewrite claim 9 as follows:

93 9(once amended). A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of [the preceding] claims 1-7, wherein the total amount of [the surfactant(s) being] surfactant is present in an amount of up to 50% by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

In claim 10, line 1, please delete the words "the preceding." Please add the word -- one -- immediately before the word "of." Please also add -- 1-7 -- immediately after the word "claims."

In claim 12, line 1, please delete the words "the preceding." In the same line, please add the word -- one -- immediately after the word "of." Please also add -- 1-7 -- immediately after the word "claims."

In claim 17, line 1, please delete the word "whereby" and replace therewith -- comprising administering --. In the second line of claim 17, please delete the words "is applied."

Please rewrite claim 18 as follows:

94 18(once amended). A process for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, [whereby] wherein:

- (i) [the] said one or more local [anaesthetic(s)] anaesthetics and the surfactant with the lowest molecular weight (if more than one surfactant is used), are melted together;
- (ii) a part of [the] said water is slowly added to the melt of step (i) during homogenization, [forming] to form an emulsion concentrate;